The congregation at Farmersville commenced a protracted meeting last Sunday, the 23rd. Bro. Mason will do the preaching for the first few evenings, then Bro. Cober will continue on for two or three weeks.

Veritas prevalebit (Truth will prevail) is the motto of our new venture, the Investigator.

Abuse of a good thing is no argument against its proper use.

We have almost been tempted more than once to send out one number of the EVANGELIST, publishing the articles just as they are sent to us. We know then that many of our good brethren and sisters would sympathize and have a little patience with us, when we request our contributors to be more careful in the preparation of their manuscript for the paper.

With brethren Brown, Cober, Mallott and Mason in the Miami Valley this winter, we may look for a shaking of the dry bones.

The canvass for the EVANGELIST continues to go on in a very encouraging manner, and so does the work in the field. The reports of work done in the field is very gratifying.

The other day a good German Baptist brother came in the office and subscribed for a part of the year, saying as much as if we did what we should he would take the paper the whole year. We replied that he should come in and "go for us" if we did what was not right. He replied by asking whether we could stand it if he should. Yes, was the answer. We do not know how other people do, but we are ashamed to get angry, although we sometimes talk in an earnest manner. We passed 1886 without speaking an angry word, and we want to assure our good German Baptist brethren that if they wish to patronize the EVANGELIST, we cannot afford to include with the subscription price a tirade of personal abuse.

Bro. S. W. Wilt expects to commence a protracted meeting at Markleysburg, Pa.. on the 27th.

Do not forget that three cents per week pays for the EVANGELIST, and every brother can afford that expense. If ready money to the amount of $1.50 cannot be gathered at once, send 50 cents, which will pay for four months.

The news from Philadelphia sounds very much as though something will be done. Let the good work go on and let a church be organized that will bear fruit in calling sinners to Christ. It is a good work that has already been accomplished.

The winter term of the College opened last week, and the work is moving forward in a very creditable manner.

Age is no recommendation in favor of an error.

The Mountain Grove Normal school in Virginia, a private enterprise but claimed by German Baptists, has collapsed and the institution will be sold by a decree of Court to pay debts.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

ED. EVANGELIST:—Please correct mistake. Howard Miller did not take any part in our glorious meetings. Eleven have come so far. From all indications a church will be organized with about 30 members.

E. E. ROBERTS.

Meeting at Glade Run meeting house closed last evening. Result, one restored and a good interest manifested generally. On the evening of the 30th of this inst., the Lord willing, a series of meetings will commence in the Brush Valley meeting house. Hope success may attend the same. Brethren pray for us.

J. B. WAMPLER.

Blanco, Pa., Jan. 15, 1887.

WEST UNION, IOWA, JAN. 19.—I have been holding a few meetings near this place and closed last Sunday night with a full house of attentive listeners with exception of a few. Since the close of my meeting, I have been compelled to remain until today on account of the snow blockading the railroads. We had an old fashioned Iowa storm on last Sunday night. On Monday, almost everybody was compelled to remain within doors.

J. NICHOLSON.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—We left our home in Morrill, Kansas, on the evening of the 6th. Our place of destination being Lanark. Our train being late, we feared we would have to remain over night in St. Joe, but through the kindness of our conductor who telegraphed ahead, the Rock Island train waited for us, and we were met by its gentlemanly conductor and was soon seated in a reclining chair speeding away from the city. Arrived at Lanark, Friday evening. Walked up town on Saturday morning—but how changed the scene. Only a few familiar signs of business remain and not many faces that were once well known.

On Sabbath morning we entered the Baptist church where our brethren had gathered for worship, and for the first time met our beloved brother Beer, and heard him preach. He is now pastor of the Lanark congregation, and the brethren may well be proud of their selection.

A series of meetings are in progress now, and we have assisted him some in the work. Hope good will result from the continued meetings.

Today I am at the home of brother and sister Walker, in the Brethren congregation, and this evening commenced preaching for the brethren there, it being where I had my home some twelve years ago. At this place I was married, united with the church, &c. Many changes have taken place since then. Many have removed to other lands. Some have passad over the border land into eternity. My home since here, has been with cousin J. O. Widmers. We have also visited in the family of Bro. Dan Lichty, W. H. Harrington, who by the way is a very representative Sankey, Elias Livengood, Eld. Z. T. Livengood, who is the Bethlehem pastor. I will remain here during the coming week, and then go south and visit my brothers in the flesh whom I have not seen for nearly a score of years. Thence to Indiana to visit my oldest sister, and to Somerset, Pa.

I left my home congregation in the care Bro. J. Warner during my absence, feeling that through him its wants will be supplied.

JNO. H. BURNWORTH.

DOWNEY, PA., JAN. 15.—We are having fine meeting. Baptism today; five to be baptized. I never saw better interest. I will continue several days yet at least when I will be ready for work somewhere else. Pray for us and his cause everywhere. My address until farther notice is Johnstown, Pa.

R. Z. REPLOGLE.

Sulpher Springs, Ind.

Jan. 21.—Bro. J. H. Swihart came to Sulphur Springs and commenced meeting on the 10, and closed on the 19. He preached in all eleven sermons, had good attendence and the interest was growing stronger all the time. The people desired him to remain longer but duty called him to other fields. He was requested to preach one sermon on baptism which he did to the satisfaction of all or nearly so that heard it. He was received and treated kindly by all that met him. We feel so thankful to him for coming here and preaching the gospel alone doctrine as we believe it to be. The result of the meeting was two additions by relation and one for baptism. But we feel much encouraged, think he sowed seed that will be gathered in the near future.

In conclusion will ask an interest in the prayers of the brotherhood for the brethren and sisters of Sulphur Springs. Your sister in the gospel alone doctrine.

SARAH A. HOLSINGER.

Berlin, Pa.

Jan. 20.—We have just closed a very profitable and successful meeting in the Stony Creek church, conducted by Bro. R. Z. Replogle, of Johnstown, Pa. Immediate results, nine by baptism and many others are counting the cost, and like Agrippa of old, are "almost persuaded. The members have been greatly revived and eternity alone can reveal the good done. Let me say in conclusion, that Bro. Replogle is an earnest, zealous, untiring, as well as able and proficient evangelist; and I wish to say without hesitation he ought to be kept in the field, for I feel confident that he can, by the grace of God, and his zeal, make a success in a protracted effort at any point in the brotherhood where success is at all attainable. To-night he begins with us in the Berlin church. May the Lord abundantly bless this effort in the Berlin church, as well as all others put forth over the brotherhood is my prayer.

JOHN H. KNEPPER.

Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

The church at this place is progressing, and I think we have the right man in the right place, Bro. Mason being our minister. I think he is doing much good in the way of bringing souls to Christ. May the Lord bless him in his labors. I read of the six who were baptized at Ashland. I am glad to hear of them turning to the right way. When I joined the Progressive church, I belonged to the Christian church, but had never been baptized. I was baptized by Bro. Mallott, when he was preaching at this place. I sometimes get discouraged, but then the thought comes to me, there is a friend that is ever near, if we put our trust in Jesus. He will never leave nor forsake us. Let us ever sing

"Jesus lover of my soul
Let me to thy bosom fly."

MRS. E. F.

Lathrop, Cal.

Since Bro. Beer's departure from us, church work has been going on very quietly. We felt at first like complaining a little when we realized our condition, and the amount of work that would necessarily have to go undone. But we remembered Jonah's experience. We thought it better not to complain but do what we can, believing the Lord will overrule all for good. As Bro. Shank remarks, we too hope to have our Bro. Beer among us again.

Yesterday our Sabbath School at Lathrop elected its officers for the present year. Supt., Bro. H. E. Wolfe; Assistant Supt., Mrs. Emma Reynor; Sec., Frank McCan; Treas., Miss Lizzie Smith; Librarian, Mary Reynor; Chorister and Organist, Miss Jessie Johnson. The Sabbath School is in good condition and now with our young, energetic Superintendent and his assistants, we may hope for still greater advancement. A good organ has been purchased and placed in the church house during the past year, the use of which adds greatly to the music.

Our congregations are fair in size for our country, and interest good, especially so at Bro. Frederick's, near the little village of Ripon, twelve miles from here.

We are glad our brethren and friends of Altamont, have such a good church house to worship in. They deserve something good and comfortable for they are zealous of good works. I hope to meet with them some time in the near future.

Our EVANGELIST comes to us regularly every Monday afternoon. We always welcome it. Our members, many of them, feel they cannot afford to do without it, and I think this is a wise conclusion. It is a means of grace. It adds to the increase of our faith. It gives us a knowledge of how the good work is progressing. We become acquainted with each other, and we love the church more. Lord bless the cause everywhere.

J. P. WOLFE.

Work in Philadelphia.

I reached the city safe; found the work commenced to be conducted by J. D. McFaden and Howard Miller; but Howard did not put in an appearance. He let us alone. We have had good congregations and under the circumstances, good success. Eleven conversions so far. There is much to be said, but I will only say the outlook is good and the truth is defended by brethren who have the cause at heart. More next time.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

Ankenytown, Ohio.

I commenced a meeting here on the 14th; have fair congregations, good interest and five have made a profession, and the prospects are good for more. From here I go to North Liberty to hold a series of meetings. Pray for our success.

J. W. SMOUSE.

Downey, Pa.

Bro. R. Z. Replogle came among us on the evening of Jan. 3rd, and preached for us till the 17th, and the result was nine by baptism and many more, all most persuaded. Bro. R. is an able evangelist and should be kept out in the field all the time. We need just such men as the Bro. R. He pleads earnestly with sinners and is fearless in his talk to church members. He is a faithful worker in God's vineyard.

Our meetings were well attended. Our pastor, J. H. Knepper, had been in attendance throughout the intire meeting and stood by Bro. R. and encouraged him. Bro. K. is one of those that will not shrink from his duty, and is always ready to lend a helping hand to all who are engaged in good works.

J. G. KIMMEL.

In my study I am sure to converse with none but wise men; but abroad it is impossible for me to avoid the society of fools. —*Sir William Walter.*

Notice to Young Ministers.

On the first Wednesday in February, Bro. Mason will form the young ministers now attending College, into a class, and they will be taken through a course of study that will the better qualify them for their life-work. The studies mapped out at present are the following: Evidences of Christianity, Church History, Scriptural Geography, The principles of Christianity, The use of the Ordinances, Reason and Revelation, Scriptural words and their meaning, The relation of Creeds to the Gospel, The interpretation of the Bible, Homeletics and any other subjects that may be thought necessary to the development of the mind for the great work. At present the recitations will be confined to Wednesday, so that the students may have an opportunity of pursuing their other studies.

In connection with the subjects named above, students coming now can take advantage of the classes in English Grammar, Rhetoric, Mental Science, Moral Ethics, together with literary drills, necessary for actual development in public speaking. This will be a good opportunity for our young brethren who intend to make the ministry a life-work. At present the class will number 6, but we ought to have 50. The need of the work is evident.

Bro. Mason has consented to give one day of his time each week from now to the end of the present school year, in giving instruction free of charge. All he asks is a good appreciation of the work, not because he is giving the instruction, but because the Lord wants ministers who love His work and will make every preparation possible to do good. God bless Bro. Mason and the young ministers in their work.

Married.

BRUMBAUGH—ARNOLD.—At the residence of the bride's parents. near Montana, Labette Co., Kans., Jan. 16, 1887, at 1 o'clock p. m., Prof. D. Irvin Brumbaugh to Sister Lizzie Arnold, by Rev. A. J. Hixson, in the presence of quite a number of her friends. The happy couple will probably make Dennison, Texas their future home, as Mr. Brumbaugh is in the employ of the M P. R. R. Co.

Died.

ECKER.—Another member of the Fair Haven church has gone to the other shore. Brother Abraham Ecker, of West Salem, departed this life, Jan. 9th, 1887; aged sixty one years, two months and seven days. The funeral services at the Fair Haven church, by Wm. Kiefer, assisted by Rev. Thomas Henderson, of West Salem. Brother Ecker was a member of the church for a great many years, and cast in his lot with the Brethren church from its beginning, and he died in the faith of the gospel of Christ, leaving behind him, bright evidence of his acceptance with God. May God bless the remaining few of the family and help them to prepare for a future meeting in a better land than this.

W. K.

Pleasant Home.

Holiday Gifts to the College.

Phillip Hufford	.50
Mrs. P. Hufford	.50
Wm. Cripe	.50
Sallie Zook	1.00
Hannah Lowman	1.00
Rosa Arthur	1.00
Dr. D. Kaisner	5.00
Sarah Snader	1.50
Total	11.00

The Annual.

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